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11. (C) PolCouns on October 20 delivered reftel demarche regarding unconditional US hurricane relief assistance for Cuba to Gonzalo Zapater, MFA Director General for Mexico and the Caribbean. Zapater said that he regularly meets with Cuban Embassy officials and would communicate a message in support of the U.S. offer. He added, however, that Cuban diplomats had visited him the previous week and explained that the GOC had rejected US humanitarian assistance because of US "conditions," without specifying what these alleged conditions were. Polcouns reiterated that the offer of US emergency post-hurricane aid was unprecedented and without conditions. Zapater noted that the Cubans also claimed the USG would not allow them to purchase necessary goods directly from the US market.

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